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Writer Trip Is Canceled By Moscow

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MOSCOW, June 9—Russia today canceled a planned visit to New York by six Russian writers who were to attend the 34th Congress of the International Pen Club only five days after naming its delegation to go.

A brief report by the Soviet news agency Tass said the Soviet Writers' Union had informed the Pen Club secretariat of the decision, but gave no reasons.

Pen officials warned the Russians earlier this year that they would face a barrage of criticism over the imprisoning of two writers in Moscow in February if they attended.

They had also indicated to the Soviet Writers' Union that Pen would probably refuse to accept them as members at the present time because of the trial and sentence of the two writers.

Andrei Sinyavsky, a prominent literary critic, was sentenced to seven years hard labor, and Yuli Dnaiel, a poet-translator, five years, for slandering the Soviet Union in books they smuggled to the West.